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THOUSAND PILLAR TEMPLE IN ANDHRA PRADESH
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the restoration work of the famous thousand pillar temple in Warrangal district in Andhra Pradesh has been delayed due to row over the type of foundation for Reconstruction of Kalyana Mandapam structure;

(b)if so, the steps taken by the Government to resolve the dispute;

(c)whether the ASI has given its final say in this matter;

(d)if so, the details thereof; and

(e)the time frame fixed for completion of restoration of the temple?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)No Sir. The design of foundation has already been finalised and approved.

(b)Does not arise.

(c) & (d)The type of foundation was finalised in consultation with National Institute of Technology, Warangal keeping in view the requirement of the compatibility, longevity and traditional method. Accordingly granular pile foundation has been chosen over which stone masonry platform will be constructed in traditional manner and above that dismantled Kalyana Mandapam structure will be reconstructed.

(e)The work of reconstruction of the dismantled architectural members of the Kalyanamandapa is a slow process involving preparation of architectural members wherever they are missing. The work is expected to be completed within a period of 2 Â½ years.